

Minutes
Edgcumbe Recreation Center
Thursday, March 13, 2019
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. – meeting

Members present: Susan Bishop, Sara Chamberlain, John Mountain, Andrew Trcka, Dan Marckel

Members absent: Clara Haycraft, Rafael Espinosa, Melvin Robinson

Staff present: Mike Hahm, Cherisse Turner, Alice Messer, Liz Hixson, Anne Gardner, Joe Loots, Eric Thompson, Asha Shoffner, Mary Henke-Haney, Tricia Wehrle

Guests: Peter Pha, Mai Pha, Marytinu Xiong, Lue Vhong,

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS – 6:30-6:35 p.m.

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Co-Chair Chamberlain.
- B. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Trcka. Commissioner Marckel seconds.
 - A. Approved 5 Opposed 0
- C. A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Co-Chair Chamberlain, seconded by Commissioner Mountain.
 - A. Approved 5 Opposed 0
- D. A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Co-Chair Chamberlain, seconded by Commissioner Trcka.
 - A. Approved 5 Opposed 0

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – 6:35-6:40

- A. Peter Pha manages the Hmong Festival. Mr Pha provided a letter dated March 13, 2019, and questioned the fee charged by the city to close the pool during the festival. Mai Pha and Marytinu Xiong also spoke on behalf of the Hmong Festival. Director Hahm confirmed closure of the pool is due to safety and service concerns related to the pool being inside of the larger event footprint. Commissioners asked that the item be added to April Parks and Recreation Commission agenda to allow further discussion. Motion to close public comment period made by Co-Chair Chamberlain and seconded by Commissioner Marckel.
 - A. Approved 5 Opposed 0

3. SERVICE UPDATE WITH EQUITY FOCUS – 6:40-6:50 p.m.

- A. Volunteer and Youth Employment Programs at Como, Recreation, Environmental and Parks
 - A. Joe Loots presented programs at Como and intersections of programming with Equity focus, including outreach and engaging with interns from diverse colleges. Eric Thompson presented information on the new sustainable volunteer program and new tools to analyze and track volunteer involvement. Each recreation center will include 1-2 Right Track employees. Tricia Wehrle presented opportunities for individuals and groups to maintain gardens. Mary Henke-Haney presented focus on volunteers to assist with collectively understanding St. Paul's eco system and targeted outreach to marginalized communities. Asha Shoffner presented events focused on



meaningful, accessible, sustainable and education-based opportunities for family-based programs with children.

4. ACTION ITEMS – 6:50-7:25 p.m.

A. Resolution 19-01 – Amendment of Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Regional Master Plan

A. Anne Gardner presented an update of the process to the amendment of Hidden Falls- Crosby Farm Regional Master Plan and submission and report to Metro Council for adoption in June. Commissioner Trcka moves to approve. Commissioner Mountain seconds.

a. Approved 5 Opposed 0

B. Resolution 19-02 - Saint Paul College ROW Improvements – Alice Messer

A. Alice Messer presented St. Paul College ROW improvements and discussed new landscape design. Commissioner Mountain moves to approve. Commissioner Bishop seconds.

a. Approved 5 Opposed 0

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS – 7:25-7:45 p.m.

A. Park Zoning District in 2040 Comprehensive Plan

A. Mike Richardson presented a staff report to address public comments received during the Planning Commission review of the Parks and Recreation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The staff recommendation would be to complete a zoning study, that was contemplated but never completed. Commissioner Bishop moves to recommend the action identified in the staff report. Commissioner Marckel abstained in the absence of additional information.

a. Approved 4 Opposed 0 Abstain 1 (Markel)

B. Ford Site Update

Director Hahm presented updates on the Ford site project. Staff will bring forward park dedication at a future meeting; uncertain as to specific timeframe.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - 7:45 – 7:55 p.m.

A. Como Lakeside Pavilion - Director Hahm presented updates to Como Lakeside Pavilion. Lancer Hospitality purchased the LLC. The contract remains in force.

B. Pedro – Judges ruled on aspects of the lawsuit and dismissed several aspects of the claims against the City. The remaining issue of fact is related to parkland diversion.

C. Flood Update – Flood of record expected. Staff exacting flood response plans.

D. Pigs Eye - Community conversation is ongoing to resolve rail turnaround and potential parkland diversion. Staff will forward recent correspondence to Commissioners.

SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS – 7:55 - 8:00 p.m.

- A. Como Regional Park Committee
- B. Transportation Committee – Andy Trcka
- C. Community Engagement Reports
- D. Other Reports

7. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Mountain, seconded by Co-chair Chamberlain.

A. Favor 5 Opposed 0

B. Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.



NEXT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Next Meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2019 – TBD

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